

[25 August, 2000]

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Homoeopathy in the treatment of Cancer pain

3491. SHRISANTOSHBAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Newstime dated June 26th, 2000 captioned, "Homoeopathy best for cancer pain";

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps for propagation of Homoeopathy for treatment of cancer pain;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, sir.

(b) to (d) The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy had conducted clinical study to ascertain the efficacy of homoeopathic medicines in the management of malignant diseases. So far no conclusive results have been found including its efficacy in pain relief.

Sale of polluted mineral water

† 3492. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that polluted water is being sold in the name of mineral water in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking any effective steps in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) Standard has been laid down for mineral water in the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Rules, 1955 to ensure its quality. The quality of this product in terms of the standard is monitored through the State Food Authorities who are vested with the responsibility of enforcing the provisions of the PFA Act, 1954 and the Rules thereunder. Details of mineral water samples lifted and found adulterated

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

in different States, to the extent information has been furnished by States is given in the Statement (*See* below).

To further monitor the quality of this product, Government has recently issued a draft notification under the PFA Act, 1954 to bring the manufacture, sale or exhibiting for sale of mineral water under the compulsory certification scheme of Bureau of Indian Standards.

Statement

S.No	Name of State	Samples	lifted	adulterated
1.	N.C.T. Delhi	1996	8	6
		1997	6	3
		1998	7	3
2.	Lakshadweep	Mineral water not manufactured or marketed.		
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	Random sampling done. No adulterated sub-standard mineral water detected in the State.		
4.	Goa		29	2
5.	Chandigarh Admn.	1996	6	Nil
		1997	6	Nil
		1998	9	Nil
6.	Rajasthan		16	Nil
7.	Kerala	1996-97	7	—
		1997-98	70	3
		1998-99	72	8
8.	Daman and Diu		8	Nil
9.	Meghalaya		4	Nil
10.	Maharashtra		104	12
11.	Mizoram		Nil	
12.	Pondicherry	Frequent sampi adulterated.	Ies no sample found drawn,	
13.	Orissa	1996	2	—
		1997	20	2 adulterated
		1998	34	14
14.	Kernataka	1997-98	8	Nil
		1998-99	20	3
15.	Nagaland	few samples lifted all were within PFA units.		

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S.No	Name of State	Samples lifted	adulterated
16.	Punjab	1	1
17.	Tripura	Random sampling done. mineral water detected.	No adulterated
18.	Gujarat	206	24
19.	West Bengal	22	3 adulterated 4
20.	Andhra Pradesh	1997 38 1998 209 1999 431 (upto Aug'99)	5 51 103
21.	Andaman and Nicobar	9	Nil
22.	Assam	1998 Nil 1999 13 (upto Nov.)	Nil Nil

Use of animal raw material in tea flavour

† 3493. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had issued a notification in the Gazette of India on 11 th October, 1999 for use of animal raw material in the tea-flavour;

(b) if so, the names of persons responsible for the same; and

(c) what amendments were made in that notification and when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) Prior to the notification of an amendment to the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Rules on 11.10.99, under entries A. Hand A. 14.01 of Appendix B of the PFA

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